



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Taizo MINOWA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2003-1686A
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RACK STRUCTURE FOR : MAIL STOP: AF
BACKLASH-FREE RACK-AND-PINION

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37.CFR1.116
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 6, 2007, kindly amend the above-referenced U.S. patent application as follows:

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